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Energy Hotline Available Throughout Idaho

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With energy and fuel rates on the rise throughout the state, Idaho consumers are encouraged to call the toll-free Idaho Energy Hotline, **1-800-334-SAVE**.

The hotline service is provided by Energy Division of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

"By contacting the hotline, callers can learn how they can save energy, whether it's through simple life-style changes or more costly renovations to their homes or businesses," says Linda Cawley, information specialist and hotline coordinator.

"Callers can also discuss the Energy Division's low-interest loan program and request applications for projects," Cawley adds.

Residential energy conservation loans are between \$1,000 and \$15,000 are available at 4 percent interest for five years. Loans cover insulation, heating system upgrades, water heater upgrades, and wood or pellet stoves.

Printed information is also available, such as the free booklet, "Energy Savers: Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home."

Hotline calls are answered during regular business hours during the week. Weekend and evening callers can leave a message and the calls will be returned the next business day.